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Julie A. Bearcroft, et al

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For: SHAPED PARTICLE AND COMPOSITION
FOR BONE DEFICIENCY AND METHOD OF
MAKING THE PARTICLE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-16, 20-22, 26, 64-65, and 67-78.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P01952US0 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.